

# Ready to Read

## An Early Literacy Newsletter

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## Books, Fingerplays and Songs About Apples



### **Apple** by Nikki McClure

Simple words and cut paper illustrations follow an apple as it falls from a tree, becomes part of a school girl's lunch and is buried through the changing seasons until it sprouts anew.

### **Apples** by Gail Gibbons

This non-fiction book is packed with information, including cutaway views of apples showing their parts, a diagram of an apple press, charts of varieties of apples and step-by-step instructions for planting and growing apple trees.

### **The Apple Doll** by Elisa Kleven

Lizzy is scared to start school, so she makes a doll out of an apple from her favorite tree to take with her on the first day and keep her company.

### **Apple Farmer Annie** by Monica Wellington

Annie, the apple farmer, saves her most beautiful apples to sell fresh at the farmers' market.

### **Apple Trees** by Robin Nelson

This non-fiction book offers a close-up view of the life of an apple tree.

### **Applesauce Season** by Eden Ross Lipson

In an urban setting, the story of how a family gets together to cook apples for applesauce. To help you create your own traditions, this story includes a recipe for applesauce.

### **Letting Go** by Janet Morgan Stoeke

Pip, Midge and Dot are enjoying the shade under an apple tree when fruit starts falling around them, causing the hens to suspect a fox is in the tree trying to hit them.

### **One Red Apple** by Harriet Ziefert

Follows the life cycle of one red apple: from a fruit growing on a tree to store, to picnic, to seed, to sapling and tree and finally a new apple.

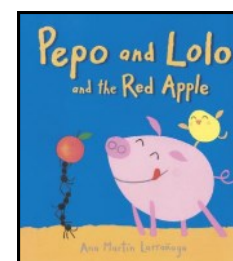
### **Ducking for Apples** by Lynne Berry

Five little ducks ride bicycles and gather apples to make a sweet treat.

### **Pepo and Lolo and the Red Apple** by

Ana Martin Larranaga

Pepo, the pig, and Lolo, the chicken, work together to obtain an apple from a branch too high for either of them to reach.



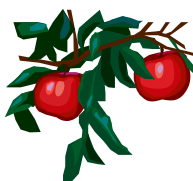
## Fingerplays and Songs

### **Apple Song**

(Tune: "Itsy Bitsy Spider")

Once a little apple seed  
Was planted in the ground.  
Down came the soft rain,  
Falling all around.

Out came the big sun  
As bright as bright could be,  
And that little apple seed  
Grew up to be an apple tree!



### **Climbing Up the Apple Tree**

Climbing up the apple tree, (*climb in place*)  
Swinging on a limb.

(*pretend to swing with arms above head*)  
If I hear a robin, I may (*cup hand over ear*)  
Sing along with him! (*whistle*)

And Robin, if you fly away, (*wave*)  
Here's what I think I'll do (*Point with one finger*)  
I'll wish a pair of sparrow wings (*flap arms*)  
And fly away with you! (*pretend to fly*)

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### 1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Apples

(Tune: “Ten Little Indians”)

1 little, 2 little, 3 little apples,  
4 little, 5 little, 6 little apples,  
7 little, 8 little, 9 little apples

On my apple tree.

Munch little, munch little, munch little apples

Crunch little, crunch little, crunch little apples

Bunch of little, bunch of little, bunch of little apples,

Good for you and me!

### Here is an Apple

Here is an apple, (make circle with thumb and index)

And here is an apple,

(make circle with other thumb and index finger)

And a great big apple I see. (make a circle with arms)

Now let's count the apples we've made

One, two, three! (count on hands)

### Ten Red Apples

Here I have five apples, (hold up five fingers)

And here are five again. (hold up other hands)

How many apples altogether? (shrug)

Why, five and five make ten! (clap hands)

### Apple Song

(Tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”)

Apples juicy, apples round,  
On the trees and on the ground.

Apples yellow, apples red,  
Apple juice or pie or bread.  
Apples crunchy, apples sweet,  
Apples are so good to eat



### Have You Ever Seen an Apple?

(Tune: “Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?”)

Have you ever seen an apple, an apple, an apple,  
Have you ever seen an apple, that grows on a tree?

A red one, a yellow one, a green one, a pink one.

Have you ever seen an apple that grows on a tree?

Have you ever had an apple, an apple, an apple?  
Have you ever had an apple and heard it go 'crunch'?  
Crunch a red one, a yellow one, a green one, a pink one.

Have you ever had an apple and heard it go 'crunch'?

### Applesauce

(Tune: “Yankee Doodle”)

Peel an apple,

Cut it up,

Put it in a pot.

When you taste it,

You will find

It's applesauce you've got!

### Ring Around the Apple Tree

(Tune: “Ring Around the Rosie”)

Children hold hands and walk in a circle. When the  
apples fall, the children fall to the ground.

Ring around the apple tree,

All full of apples

Shake it, shake it,

They all fall down!



### Five Red Apples

Five red apples hanging on a tree  
(hold up five fingers)

The juiciest apples you ever did see!

The wind came past,

And gave an angry frown (shake head and look angry)

And one little apple came tumbling down.

Continue counting down until you have zero apples.

### Red Apple

A little red apple

Hung high in a tree.

I looked up at it,

And it looked down at me.

"Come down, please" I called,

And what do you suppose—

That little red apple

Dropped right on my nose!

### Apple, Apple, Apple

(Tune: “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel”)

I picked a little apple.

I picked it from a tree.

It was red and shiny and juicy as can be!

Oh, apple, apple, apple,

I picked it from a tree.

Oh, apple, apple, apple

It sure tastes good to me!

CRUNCH!



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